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DEANS' FORUM SUMMARY

August 6, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

Terry Hynes, David Ciccotello, Nancy Edick, Lynn Harland, Harmon Maher, Michael Hilt, B.J. Reed, David Boocker, Deb Smith-Howell, Lanyc Keel, Audrey DeFrank, Hesham Ali

1. Guests: Gerrit Schutte', Senior Vice President and CIO, ConAgra Foods Nancy Stessman, Director, Human Resources, ConAgra Foods Mindy Simon, Vice President, ConAgra Foods

1.1. Brief overview of ConAgra Foods' IT intern development program

- Goals: Overview of ConAgra Foods--history of company, growth in 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, and revised model that is the current company; IT - about 550 in Omaha, 100 more across US and some in India.
- How can we work more closely together? Overview of current internship.
- Program - current interns recruited only from UNO and Creighton, 40 interns/yr., -primarily MIS, some business, not all colleges well-represented; clicker survey of interns; very positive results; looking for students moving into Junior year; 6 month rotations through 4 areas; looking for diversity in perspectives; book *The Whole New Mind*; described ConAgra career path.
- September 18th ConAgra hosting an event – for faculty and administrative staff of Creighton and UNO; new ConAgra intern program, meet interns and meet staff; brief tour of ConAgra facilities; party/cutting/tasting of products; web-based RSVP; need a list of who should be invited.
- Advisory group for interns; Friday, September 18, 2009 5:30 p.m., ConAgra
- Well-paid internships—20 hours per week; \$15-16 per hour
- College liaison—would that be helpful?

2. Approval of summary for July 16, 2009 Deans' Forum meeting---approved

3. Just Good Stuff

Harland - Graduate certificate bioscience/business approved by CBA graduate committee

DeFrank - Library part of national pilot on texting for reference information

Keel -Testing gmail; live August 17; support for faculty and students

Edick - New grant to support Alzheimer's; two new post-docs; Melanie Grath in Athletic training;

Cicotello - update on HPER renovation, record number of registration for Durango Days; enrollment update; new student enrollment up 6% as of August 1 (hand-out distributed)

Ali - INBRE meeting in Grand Island just returned; awards—UNO IS &T student won best poster award; Biology student won 3rd best presentation; Attending Deans meeting at Mutual of Omaha focused on internship program; intern solved on-going problem in 2 hours (cost \$35 to solve a 1 ½ year long issue)

Hynes -AASCU e-citizenship research initiative – UNO selected to participate in this new project

Smith-Howell - faculty workshops during week of August 17

Boocker -Arts and Sciences Centennial planning; each program/department bring in an alum or a guest to give a talk to the public or to students; Boocker invited Carol Geary Schneider, President of American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) to present in Spring –LEAP; opportunity to showcase the College of Arts & Sciences

Reed -Social Work Legacy program to place students in Western Iowa -the Iowa West Foundation picked up funding; Elaine Spire set up a Louise Spire Scholarship in CPACS; Brief discussion of the need for Dean's to be involved as scholarships and endowments are developed.

Hilt - Testing at KVNO first football game broadcast 3 weeks from today; working on launch for HD signal - 09-09-09; 2nd channel satellite classical and student programming;

Maher - UNO first stimulus funding award \$150,000; NANWEK contract signed—over 20 students involved

4. New/Old Business

- 4.1 AQIP Update** –September 23-25 site visit;
- 4.2 Distance Education Issues (Lanyce Keel) -**
Handout regarding scenario with proposed changes and impact on remissions and income to the departments
- 4.3 Budget Update** – (Terry Hynes) BOR appealing CIR ruling; the appeal is the third of three that have been appealed to the Appeals Court; Nebraska Supreme Court may reach down and take all three cases; play out over time; 3.8% will not show up in your budgets with July 1 budget; no changes in AAUP Unit-member salaries during the appeal process, including promotion increases—title only until resolved; once resolved will pay interest from beginning of the year; plan for 2010-2011 with a 3.8% increase. Dollars will be held in a central account;
- 4.4 RPT Process Discussion (cont.) – Postponed due to full agenda**

Other:

Deans' memo re: integrating ITS and TS will be on the Cabinet agenda next week; may have an external consultant to develop recommendations.

UNO on-track to purchase University Village. Will allow us to provide a fuller residential life program. Conley, Henry, and Ciccotello meeting with BoR Business Affairs today.

Update on remodel for Hayden House (to be Campus Welcome Center); the move likely during Spring Break 2010; recruitment tours will include PKI and Mammel Hall beginning in Fall 2009

Edick - emergency flip charts—drilled holes and placed in rooms; non-removable.